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EMPLOYMENT TO LAND OUSTEES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land oustees of Ardha-Gram, Kalidaspur and Bakulia Collieries of ECL have been provided employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the dilapidated road from Mejia to Kalidaspur will be repaired by ECL;

(e) if so, by when;

(f) whether the Government has plan to modify Jhanjsa Project to increase the production of coal; and

(g) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a, b & c): The status of employment provided by Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL) to the land losers of Ardhagram OCP, Kalidaspur Project & Bakulia Project are given below:-

Ardhagram OCP: 50 employments out of 61 have been offered; proposals of 2 applicants are under examination and further claims have not been received from land losers due to dispute among applicants themselves. Kalidaspur project: Out of 12 cases 11 have been offered employment and in remaining 1 case document relating to ownership of land was not fund in order.

Bakulia Project: The project could not be implemented because Damodar Valley Corporation who had earlier expressed desire to enter into an agreement with Eastern Coalfields Ltd. on `cost plus basis` subsequently changed their mind. No employment to land losers was given in this project.

(d) & (e): Mejia to Kalidaspur road passes through Joresa More, of which only 1.0 km belongs to ECL and rest belongs to Government of West Bengal. ECL has taken steps for repair of 1.0 km of road in its share and this portion would be repaired in this financial year.

(f & g): The Jhanjra Under Ground (UG) project is under foreclosure. To increase coal production from Jhanjra UG Project, following action has been taken:

i) Project Report for introduction of continuous miner technology for a capacity of 0.42 MetricTonnes/year at an investment of Rs. 69.28 crore has been approved by Board of Coal India Ltd.

ii) Proposal for introduction of Powered Support Longwall Technology (PSLW) for a production capacity of 1.70 Mt/year at an investment of Rs. 280.81 crores at R-VI seam of Jhanjra UG Project has been approved by ECL Board.